

## NEWS BRIEFS

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## Fremont Holds 2019 State of the City Address on March 22

This year's State of the City Address took place last week at the Fremont Marriott Silicon Valley at an event hosted by the Fremont Chamber of Commerce. At the annual luncheon, Mayor Lily Mei offered remarks to recognize colleagues and City staff. She began by welcoming City Manager Mark Danaj and the newly elected Councilmembers to the Fremont family and continued by outlining the City's achievements in 2018 and its goals for the year ahead.



Here are a few of the main takeaways:

- In November 2018, Fremont made history by converting its elections from at large voting to a district-based system. The newly seated City Council joined Mayor Mei and City Manager Mark Danaj in January and agreed upon a shared vision of three key focus areas for Fremont this year, including housing, reducing traffic congestion, and neighborhood commercial districts.
- The City built more affordable housing units than ever before at projects such as Stevenson Terrace, Innovia, and Central Commons.
- Fremont also made progress in providing homelessness services and resources by participating in the second biennial Alameda County homeless count, expanding its warming center to a winter relief shelter, and launching a mobile hygiene unit.
- In an effort to reduce traffic congestion, Fremont adopted a Mobility Action Plan that aims to improve the City's local and regional transportation systems, expand the Safe Routes to Schools program, modernize 40 percent of Fremont traffic signals by 2022, and install more traffic safety devices like flashing beacons.
- Remaining steady over the past two years, the Fremont Police Department continues its efforts to reduce residential burglaries. An expanded focus is now on auto burglaries, with significant resources being allocated. Already, statistics show an 11 percent decrease in thefts from vehicles from 2018 over 2017.
- The Fire Department has been focusing on recruiting talent from under-represented and economically-disadvantaged groups. To spark young women's interest in fire service, the Department opened its training center to NorCal Women in the Fire Service for its inaugural NorCal First Alarm Girls Fire Camp last fall.

- Fremont’s business economy continues to thrive through its long-standing leadership in biotechnology and advanced manufacturing. Orchard Therapeutics and PrinterPrezz are two cutting-edge companies that have recently opened or have plans set in motion to open facilities in Fremont.
- Finally, the upcoming 2019 Census is an important avenue for the City to receive government funding for highways, schools, health facilities, and many more community programs. Fremont residents are encouraged to participate by filling out the form hitting mailboxes in April.

The full speech, slides, online webcast, video playback programming schedule on Channel 27, and resource guide from Mayor Mei’s State of the City address are available at [www.Fremont.gov/StateoftheCity](http://www.Fremont.gov/StateoftheCity).

## City of Fremont to Dedicate Solar Renewable Microgrid Demonstration Project

On April 2, the City of Fremont will celebrate the successful deployment of its Solar Renewable Microgrid System demonstration project through an official dedication ceremony.

“Merging Fremont’s continued bold climate leadership and dedication to supporting local entrepreneurship, this project has verified that renewable energy storage systems will aid in building a clean energy future for our community,” Fremont Mayor Lily Mei said. “Additionally, the City of Fremont’s proactive planning in partnership with Gridscape will ensure an uninterrupted power source for our public safety responders in the case of natural disaster emergency services operations.”



**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 2, 2019  
9 to 11 a.m.

**WHERE:** Fremont Fire Station No. 6  
4355 Central Avenue  
Fremont, CA 94536

**WHAT:** A ribbon-cutting ceremony, microgrid demonstration, and remarks presented by California Energy Commission Chair David Hochschild, Fremont Mayor Lily Mei, Gridscape Solutions President and CEO Vipul Gore, and Fremont Chamber of Commerce CEO Cindy Bonior.

In 2015, Fremont entered into a public-private partnership with local cleantech startup Gridscape Solutions and the California Energy Commission to deploy microgrid systems at three of its fire stations to demonstrate islanding of critical infrastructure. Pairing solar photovoltaic (PV) carports with large battery systems, the participating fire stations can effectively and sustainably generate and store their own energy.

In addition to the protection of emergency service facilities against power outages, this program will reduce City utility bills by **\$214,844** over the 10-year Power Purchase Agreement term (in addition to the **\$32,027** saved during the demonstration period). The project will also decrease municipal greenhouse gas emission by around **80,000 pounds of carbon dioxide** per year.

The success of this Fremont case study has led to a proven model that Gridscape will replicate at various fires stations across the state. To register to attend this event, please visit the Eventbrite invitation at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fremont-microgrid-celebration-event-tickets-58458540067>.

### **Upcoming Fremont City Council Work Session for Irvington BART Station Area Plan**

The Draft Irvington BART Station Area Plan is ready for review. The draft document is available online on the Irvington BART webpage at [www.Fremont.gov/IrvingtonBART](http://www.Fremont.gov/IrvingtonBART). A work session has been scheduled for the Fremont City Council to receive a presentation on the Station Area Plan from City staff and the consultant team, ask questions, and provide comments. The work session will take place Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City Council Chambers, located at 3300 Capitol Ave.



The Station Area Plan has been prepared to provide a framework for achieving the City of Fremont's longstanding vision of a transit-oriented, active area strategically integrated with the future Irvington BART Station, consistent with the City's 2011 General Plan and Irvington Community Plan goals. The primary purpose of the Station Area Plan is to ensure successful integration and connectivity between the Irvington BART Station, new development, and existing neighborhoods.

The public is welcome to attend this work session and provide comments. Following the work session, comments will be addressed and public hearings with the City's Planning Commission and City Council to formally consider the Station Area Plan will be tentatively scheduled in May and June 2019.

For more information, please visit [www.Fremont.gov/IrvingtonBART](http://www.Fremont.gov/IrvingtonBART).

### **New Mixed-Use Development Coming to Fremont's Centerville Area**

At the Fremont City Council meeting held on March 19, 2019, a new mixed-use development proposed by developer SiliconSage Builders was approved. The project will be located on Fremont Boulevard between Parish Avenue and Peralta Boulevard. It will feature 26,000 square feet of ground-floor commercial space with 93 rental apartment units on the upper floors along Fremont Boulevard and 72 for-ownership townhomes at the rear of the site facing Peralta Boulevard, Parish Avenue, and Jason Way. The approved project includes demolition of the former Fire Station No. 6 located on the site. It includes infrastructure improvements to perimeter streets, such as a new traffic signal and wider sidewalks. The developer agreed to provide a variety of community benefits, including a community room available to the public to be named in honor of former Fremont Fire Chief Dan Lydon, historical displays documenting the former Fire Station No. 6 building, streetscape beautification, and discussions with local trade unions about providing work for the construction of the project. Construction for this project is anticipated to begin next year.



For questions, please contact Project Planner Joel Pullen at [jpullen@fremont.gov](mailto:jpullen@fremont.gov) or 510-494-4436.

### **Annual Compost Giveaway**

Participants in the City's curbside organics program can pick up two free bags of compost on Sunday, April 14 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station located at 41149 Boyce Rd., while supplies last. The event will be held rain or shine.

Residents must bring their most current Republic Services garbage bill to show their household's participation in the curbside organics program. Residents will be directed to the loading area where crews will place bags of compost into vehicles. Residents may pick up compost on behalf of a neighbor or family member who is unable to attend by bringing their respective Republic Services bill.

The Compost Giveaway event is brought to you by the City of Fremont, in partnership with Republic Services and the Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station. For more information, please contact Republic Services at 510-657-3500.



### **City of Fremont to host Biocom's Bay Area Life Science Meet Up Mixer at PrinterPrezz**

On April 17, the City of Fremont will be partnering with Biocom to host their Bay Area Life Science Meet Up event at PrinterPrezz, a new biotechnology company in Fremont. This informal mixer will provide an informal platform for the life science community to network with other professionals in this field.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 17, 2019  
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** PrinterPrezz  
4026 Clipper Court  
Fremont, CA 94539

**WHAT:** Biocom's Bay Area Life Science Meet Up Mixer at PrinterPrezz



Fremont has long been a hub for both small and large businesses in the advanced manufacturing and biotech industries. Fremont is home to a variety of innovative companies, including over 900 manufacturing firms, with biotechnology being one of the top industry sectors. The City of Fremont proactively partners with regional organizations and thought leaders in the Life Science industry to support the biotech and medical device companies that are clustered in Fremont.

One of those partners is Biocom, which is an experienced leader and advocate for California's life science sector and hosts regular events throughout California. This month Biocom's meet up is taking place in Fremont at PrinterPrezz. Located in Fremont's Warm Springs Innovation District, PrinterPrezz provides customers with access to a variety of 3D printing machines, 3D manipulation software, and 3D scanners as well as advanced



manufacturing processes, and surgeon education programs. PrinterPrezz's ecosystem aims to solve challenges for various parts of the medical innovation value chain by providing prototyping, development, and manufacturing services to create life-enhancing medical devices.

This mixer aims to connect professionals in the life science sector to gain knowledge and exposure to new trends, products and resources.

To register to attend this event, please visit Biocom's Events page at <https://www.biocom.org/s/EventDetail?event=meet-up-fremont>.

## **Fremont to Host Free Workshops for Landlords and Tenants**

The City of Fremont is offering workshops for landlords and tenants in April. The workshops are free, and all are welcome to attend. Landlords will learn about Fair Housing Law, and tenants will learn about tenant rights and responsibilities.

### **Landlord Education Workshop**

*Presentation on Fair Housing Law*

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd.

### **Tenant Education Workshop**

*Presentation on Tenant Rights and Responsibilities*

Thursday, April 18, 2019

6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd.



For more information, visit [www.Fremont.gov/RentReview](http://www.Fremont.gov/RentReview), email [rentreview@fremont.gov](mailto:rentreview@fremont.gov), or call 510-733-4945.

## **Earth Day Celebration 2019**

Go green with the City of Fremont and Washington Hospital and celebrate Earth Day 2019! Bring your family, friends, and bicycles to take part in the festivities on Saturday, April 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Washington West Building located at 2500 Mowry Ave. The event is free and fun for the entire family.

This Earth Day event will host children's arts and crafts, eco-entertainment, games, a bicycle rodeo, free bicycle valet parking and basic tune-ups provided by a local bike shop, and educational exhibits. Other highlights include a drop-off location for old eyeglasses, syringes, and



needles (must be in approved container), and unused or unwanted medications. Hazardous mercury thermometers can also be exchanged for mercury-free thermometers at no charge.

Attendees can also learn more about how to reduce their household's carbon footprint by signing up for the Fremont Green Challenge. This online tool, found at [www.FremontGreenChallenge.org](http://www.FremontGreenChallenge.org), helps households discover ways to decrease their energy and water consumption, reduce waste, and protect the environment, all while saving money!

This Earth Day event is brought to you by the City's Environmental Services Division and Washington Hospital. For more information visit [www.Fremont.gov/EarthDay](http://www.Fremont.gov/EarthDay) or call the Environmental Services Division at 510-494-4570. See you there!

### ***Saddle Up at Fremont's Earth Day Celebration!***

Bike East Bay will be hosting a Family Cycling Rodeo at Fremont's Earth Day event Saturday, April 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Certified instructors will lead children through fun games, safety drills, and skill building. Participants will learn:

- How to perform a bicycle safety check
- Proper helmet fitting
- Communication skills with other road users
- How to navigate safely through intersections
- How to avoid obstacles



Bicycles and helmets will be provided for children, or they can bring their own. All minors must be accompanied by an adult to participate.

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